GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-CANADIAN CO-OPERATION IN NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Canada is contemplating to supply sensitive atomic material to India for its atomic installations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether both countries have held any discussion in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(f) the reasons if any, for delay in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) - (f) During his visit to Canada from 25-27 September 2005 the former External Affairs Minister had discussions with the Canadian Foreign Minister on the issue of civilian nuclear cooperation. The two countries have agreed to develop a bilateral framework for nuclear safety collaboration. Canada also agreed to allow the supply of nuclear related dual use items to Indian civilian nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards, with appropriate assurances consistent with the requirements of the Nuclear Suppliers Group Dual Use Guidelines. India and Canada also agreed to pursue further opportunities for the development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy both bilaterally and through the appropriate international fora, consistent with their international commitments. Further discussion on the issue will continue.